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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Applicant amends the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please delete the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Application" and substitute therefor the following replacement section:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This U.S. patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/205,963, which was filed on May 19, 2000, and which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also incorporates herein by reference each of seven other U.S. patent applications to McKinnon et al. filed concurrently herewith in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and respectively bearing serial numbers 09/800,155 ("Computerized Method For Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,608 ("Solicitations for Allocations of Access Across A Shared Communications